



James Barwell



Working together to strengthen our series

After a pretty anxious winter, with much uncertainty over when racing would resume, we could not be more pleased with how the 2021 season has started. We were close to reaching the maximum grid number at Cadwell Park and, at the time of writing, it appears likely that we may need to have reserves for the Brands Indy circuit meeting.

The Duratec grid has been better than ever before and yet we are still getting enquiries from drivers looking to join Sports 2000 racing but struggling to find cars for sale. It appears that Covid has prompted a number of would-be drivers to finally commit to racing and also that Sports 2000 consistently tops the rankings when value for money/speed/close racing/mechanical reliability and stable regulations are carefully evaluated by newcomers to our sport.

Pinto numbers have been lower but this is steadily increasing and we know of at least two drivers who will be joining us before the season is out. In addition the Club is launching a series of Pinto only races for 2022. (See later in this Newsletter). We know that there are literally scores of eligible Pinto cars in the UK but the problem is in persuading owners to actually get them out and come racing.

MSVR have been delighted with the SRCC races to date and several of their officials have gone out of their way to praise the presentation of our cars and the sheer spectacle of our grids. On behalf of the Club we have reciprocated the appreciation as our association with MSVR is serving us well in terms of our continuing access to top quality circuits together with efficient organisation of entries etc.

One change to race format this season has been the staggered start of the Pinto grid behind Duratecs. This was a suggestion from members and has been universally welcomed since being implemented. It ensures that both grids get away without encountering each other – and their different cornering and acceleration characteristics – and then means that overtaking between the two engine types is more likely to take place with smaller numbers of cars involved.

We also wanted to take this opportunity to acknowledge the contribution already made this year by our Series Clerk of the Course, Terry Scannell. As well as clearly being an enthusiast for sportscar racing, Terry delivers briefings and post-race justice in a clear, firm but always fair way. "Behind the scenes" he helps the Club considerably in maintaining close but fair racing – many thanks Terry.

Finally, it's hard to believe that we are already past the half way point for this season. Our remaining two events – at Brands Hatch and Snetterton – will both be triple headers. This is a new format for the SRCC that will doubtless mean pretty hectic paddocks but enables even more racing. We are keen to receive feedback on this as we will soon begin to plan the schedule and format for the 2022 season.

Roger, Colin and Mike

Roger Donnan, Colin Feyerabend, Mike Turner

Championship positions after 7 rounds



Duratec Overall

Position	Total points	Best 5	Driver	Car
1	100	74	Tom STOTEN	Gunn TS11
2	88	66	Joshua LAW	MCR S2
3	83	63	Dominic LESNIEWSKI	MCR S2
4	69	67	Neil BURROUGHS	Gunn TS12
5	53	48	Giles BILLINGSLEY	MCR S2
6	47	45	Michael GIBBINS	MCR S2
7	45	41	David HOUGHTON	MCR S2
8	44	33	Mike TURNER	MCR S2
9	39	37	Roger DONNAN	MCR S2
10	37	35	Peter WILLIAMS	MCR S2

Duratec B Class

Position	Total points	Best 5	Driver	Car
1	89	74	John OWEN	MCR S2
2	86	72	Grant GIBSON	Van Diemen RF94
3	51	51	Andrew BUTLER	Van Diemen RF02P
4	43	43	Richard COOKE	Carbir CS2

Duratec Derek Bell Class

Position	Total points	Best 5	Driver	Car
1	94	68	Mike TURNER	MCR S2
2	88	74	Giles BILLINGSLEY	MCR S2
3	71	69	Peter WILLIAMS	MCR S2
4	70	68	Roger DONNAN	MCR S2



Pinto Overall

Position	Total points	Best 5	Driver	Car
1	85	66	Trevor WELSH	Lola T492
2	83	63	Clive STEEPER	Tiga SC80
3	79	67	Ross HYETT	Lola T88/90
4	65	63	Mike FRY	Tiga SC79
5	59	59	Paul STREAT	Lola T87/90
6	50	49	Peter/Josh NEEDHAM	Van Diemen RFSCO
7	39	39	Chris SNOWDON	Tiga SC82
8	29	29	Nick BAILEY	Royale S2000M



Pinto Championship

Position	Total points	Best 5	Driver	Car
1	85	72	Ross HYETT	Lola T88/90
2	60	60	Paul STREAT	Lola T87/90
3	57	56	Peter/Josh NEEDHAM	Van Diemen RFSCO2
4	16	16	Chris SNOWDON/Nick HYETT	Tiga SC 87

Pinto Historic Championship

Position	Total points	Best 5	Driver	Car
1	95	71	Trevor WELSH	Lola T492
2	93	68	Clive STEEPER	Tiga SC80
3	72	70	Mike FRY	Tiga SC 79
4	44	44	Chris SNOWDON	Tiga SC 81
5	34	34	Nick BAILEY	Royale S2000M



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We know how much the overseas races are enjoyed and are doing our utmost to have arrangements in place for 2022.

A home for moulds needed

The Club has been offered various sets of bodywork moulds and needs a home for them. The intention is that the Club would hire out the moulds at modest cost but in so doing will be maintaining access to bodywork that might otherwise be lost.

So if you have indoor space available – anywhere that is dry will be ok – then please contact Roger.

Pinto only initiative

We know of scores of Pinto cars in the UK that have raced in recent years but are now laid up for various reasons. Consequently a group of Pinto drivers have been working with Roger to increase grid numbers. One initiative that has been announced is a series of four "Pinto only" races for 2022 – two double header events. Thanks to the generosity of one Club member, who is underwriting the cost of the races, we have been able to confirm already that the two events will definitely go ahead.

So if you know of any Pinto drivers who have been promising to return to the track but don't like mixed grids please inform them. (We have a link on the News section of the website for them to register interest).

Alternatively tell them to put their cars up for sale because we know of several drivers looking to get into Pinto racing but are struggling to find cars.

Driving standards

On track behaviour has been pretty good so far this season but the Club has been made aware of several incidents involving contact where the Clerk of the Course has taken action. The Club has followed up with sanctions of its own under the Driving Standards code that all competitors have to sign up to when registering for the Sports 2000 championships.

Two pieces of advice have been given by our President Derek Bell, who knows a thing or two about sportscar racing:

1. You cannot win the race in the first corner (or in qualifying)
2. To finish first, first you must finish
3. A key skill of drivers on mixed grids is negotiating the traffic. Slower cars have as much right as faster ones to space to race

Hospitality

The lessening of social distancing rules at Oulton park and Cadwell Park enabled our Club hospitality team to swing into action for the first time. As a result the SRCC side of Team Law's awning was busy for most of the two days as drivers and team personnel made the most of the excellent food and drink.

Many thanks to Maureen Gibbins, Karen Owen, Margaret Williams who did such a great job.

Also to Grant Gibson for the excellent coffee and Team Law for the ideal facilities. It all makes a real difference to maintaining our reputation as a friendly paddock.

2022 European race

The Club is closely following negotiations underway at national Motorsport UK level to navigate around the post-Brexit rules involving the movement of vehicles around Europe. This is preventing most clubs from making the usual occasional trips abroad, or planning to do so when the pandemic abates.



Trevor Welch

Brands Hatch barbecue

We are planning to have a club barbeque at Brands Hatch on the Saturday evening. Further details to be circulated nearer the time.

Podcasts

Any petrol heads who have been living under a rock for the last 6 months might possibly have missed the fabulous SRCC Podcasts masterminded by Clive Steeper and Sue Stockdale. As well as episodes featuring several of the Club's drivers there are two episodes given over a conversation with the SRCC President Derek Bell.

If you've missed any of these then just search for "The Sports 2000 Podcast" on any Podcast provider. Please also tell your friends about them and give reviews that will help promote them to an even wider audience.

Awards evening

The SRCC Awards Evening and dinner dance is now fixed for Saturday 22nd January 2022. We are keen for this to be the best ever such event so please inscribe the date in your diary and extend the invitation to helpers, friends and family.

As previously, the venue is the Radisson Blu Hotel close to Donington Park and the SRCC Annual General Meeting will be held in the afternoon.

More details to follow.

Welcome to new competitors

James and Tony Barwell plus John Iley in Duratecs. Plus a welcome return to the Johnson family in the shape of Nick and Rick, not forgetting Clan elder Les. Welcome also to Trevor Welsh and Nick Bailey in Pintos.

Remaining events for the 2022 season:

- 18-19 September
Brands Hatch Indy Triple Header
- 2-3 October
Snetterton Triple Header



Nick Bailey



John Iley

All of the images in this edition feature newcomers or returnees to the series.



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